



Board Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:30 pm
By Zoom

Present:

Susanna Fuller
Dwight McLean
Janel Hayward
Shawn Marshall
Mary Ellen Donovan
Darryl Osborne
Andree Crepeau
Nat Bowlby
Jeremy LeBlanc
Lorenzo Caterini
John Trites
Jeff Hauser

Regrets:

Rob Carter

Staff:

Steve Bedard
Alison Carlyle

1. Review of Minutes/action items from October 2020

Grassroot programming - Steve and Jon have decided to use Hop On for summer programming.

WOW - proposal due in December for \$15,000. Susanna will circulate to Board. May be another grant that we can go for as well that Susanna will look into.

Action Item: Susanna will circulate the WOW proposal to the Board.

AT Proposal - talk with Energy and Mines. On hold until province figures out what tool to use. BNS has a pretty good relationship with them. \$47M proposal is still in process.

Wayfinding Study - BNS has a wayfinding study that was done at HRM's request, but ME got an excerpt from HRM document (Recommendation #75) where they are looking getting a report on wayfinding done. There seems to be a lack of knowledge of what it is that we do, even though we are currently working on signage for HRM. MODL is similar. We should have a newsletter and area on our website.

TIR/AT - haven't heard from Peter Hackett yet, but Susanna will keep after him. ME talked with Gordon Tate, re: ferry moving from Chester to Blandford. He has been assure there will be paved shoulders to Mill Cove, though not in writing yet. ME thinks we should do an announcement around it and political thing. This will be a few years away.

Race Organizers Meeting - Nobody responded to call for a RO meeting. Nat will post something to set a date.

Action Item: Nat will send out an invite

Spider Lake - Steve, lola and Terry Tomlin met to discuss next steps. Steve wrote a letter and sent to lola for edits. Letter will go out to TT for his input and then to Barry Geddes.

Action Item: Steve to send letter to Terry for his opinion, then to Barry Geddes. Once sent, we should be able to set up a meeting with HRW.

2. Standing items (Budget, New Proposals/Funding, Staff Reports)

Jeremy:

Budget - will look at actual budget and spending. Expects more stability next year, with monthly reporting starting in 2021.

Next big thing is annual statements for AGM.

Treasury is super healthy (because there was no spending this year).

We got the Sport Covid funding - \$13,000K

Proposals -

Canadian Recreation - focussing on women, girls ride

CCH - \$5000 - will add to women and girls piece. (came from Elaine Shelton)

Alison's Report :

- Blue Route updates and Blue Route Hubs.
- Port Hawkesbury - Dec 15, 2020 event
- \$47M proposal - cycling infrastructure split btw municipalities from Green House Gas substream. It's now with Energy and Mines. Looking at April 2021 to hear back. Complete network is \$200M, but this is looking at Federal funds. (7 year plan)
- working with EAC and HCC to organize a consultation re: regs in Traffic Safety Act;
- Content Creation/Social media - student volunteers have created blogs that highlight rides in our book (Calvin Cameron), and cycling in the winter (Shane MacInnis)

Steve:

Office lease - Talked them down to 2.5% increase from the 3% that we approved.

He has started working on AGM Report for February 2021.

Action Item: Everyone should put together a 150 word sector report to send Steve by December 31, 2020.

3. Policy Manual and HR Committee

Steve:

Establishes a standard for those dealing with us and what to expect. Should revisit every 5 year.

Susanna - Need an organization chart. We have one that we prepared for CCH so Steve will add to it. Aim to vote on it at December's meeting.

Steve has taken some of the policies and put into a skeleton framework to offer to those clubs who don't have policies, (harassment, conflict of interest, inclusion, etc.). Should we require clubs to have something in place for vulnerable persons? It is really our responsibility to provide this to our members.

Action Item: Everyone to read the Policy Manual and be ready to vote on it when we meet in December.

4. Nominating committee / new board members for 2021 (who is re-offering and who is not)

Need to have nominations in by January for AGM in February.

Action Item: Susanna and lola will send out list of who is up for renewal. Those who are up for renewal need to let us know who wants to reoffer.

5. Accessibility Act (Darryl/Alison)

Accessibility Act was passed in 2017 and NS is trying to achieve an Accessible Nova Scotia by 2030. NS trail is working on this. Mountainbiking trails would not fall under AA. Alison reviewed the AA powerpoint.

Does accessibility also include storage? Maybe they should have a loan program for equipment that makes the trail usable by different ability groups.

Mary Ellen - would our wayfaring study be able to help them for consistent signage? Should we approach them. SF feels that access needs to be accessible. DO - feels that there needs to be thought put into the useability of it. (Ie. How steep the slope is; trees along shoulder of the road hit you). Whatever they get, that it is done properly.

Action Item: Alison is going to see how we can get involved. Darryl would be willing to help with consultation.

Action Item: lola is going to message Ryan Lindh to see if there are any accessible trails planned in Stage 2 of Brunello's trail system.

6. Sector Updates (red flags, important issues)

Darryl - despite initial Covid scare, people are coming out. Have reduced storage at Canada Games Centre. Sundays 4-5. Is going to look at Studley Gym, because may have access to bigger storage.

Gentleman (Ron) gave \$100 to DO to put towards paying for lanes

Action list: Steve to send out kudos on FB/Twitter to thank Ron for his Random Act of Kindness

lola gave overview of Cycling Canada Congress and NSPPI meeting.

Action Item: Get some Athletes to interview with Steve to do some short promo videos. (Jon)

Action Item: lola to get info from CCC about funding for Strategic Planning.

Action Item: Janel to talk with Blaise Landry next week about leading another Strat Plan session.

7. HCC reciprocal membership

Susanna doesn't think we should be recognized as Corporate Member, but she would be interested in talking to them about insurance. It would be a dual membership. Joint membership for \$65. Maybe get some bike tags/cards to identify BNS members.

Action item: Susanna to discuss membership options with HCC.

8. BIPOC self-identification (Zone 4)

lola discussed adding the ability to self-identify as BIPOC on Zone 4 and the opt-in to receive information.

Action Item: Nat will add to Zone 4.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. (8:33)

Next meeting - Wednesday December 9, 2020 @ 6:30 pm.